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# IMPORT TRADE BY COMMODITY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the decrease in United States imports for consumption from $1,511.6 million in December 1963 to $1,473.3 million in January 1964,[1] a decrease of about three percent, reflected decreases in imports of manufactured foodstuffs and crude materials which were partly offset by increases in imports of semimanufactures, finished manufactures, and crude foodstuffs.

The drop in imports of manufactured foodstuffs from $197.4 million in December 1963 to $133.5 million in January 1964 was due chiefly to decreases in imports of sugar, from $68.8 to $26.3 million, and whisky, from $25.3 to $14.4 million. Imports of crude materials declined from $284.5 to $274.3 million. This change was largely due to decreases in imports of undressed furs, from $25.5 to $15.4 million, and rough or uncut diamonds, from $16.6 to $7.4 million. However, imports of crude rubber, also included in this economic class, rose from $14.4 to $19.7 million.

The increase in imports of semimanufactures from $315.0 to $343.0 was mainly accounted for by a notable increase in imports of gas and fuel oil, from $65.1 to $85.2 million, and an increase in imports of inedible expressed oils, from $2.2 to $8.2 million. Imports of finished manufactures advanced from $556.0 to $561.7 million reflecting, in part, increases in imports of steel mill products, from $24.0 to $29.3 million, automobiles and parts, from $50.8 to $54.8 million, and agricultural machinery and implements, from $12.9 to $15.0 million. Imports of newsprint, however, dropped from $68.0 to $56.8 million. There was a slight increase in imports of crude foodstuffs from $158.7 to $160.8 million.

[1]See the January 1964 issue of Report No. FT 900-I for seasonally-adjusted figures on general imports. Seasonally-adjusted data are not available for imports for consumption or on a commodity basis.

## EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics. However, the statistics may include some merchandise (principally duty-free) which is entered through United States Customs and subsequently exported in the same condition in which imported. In many cases, such merchandise differs from in transit merchandise only in the manner in which it is documented.

VALUATION: Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. Import values also exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

RELIABILITY: Monthly import statistics for individual commodities are based on full compilation of all formal entry shipments valued $100 and over (over 99 percent of total import value) and are therefore free of sampling variability. They are, however, subject to some error due to the omission of informal entry shipments (i.e. those valued under $250) and under $100 formal entry shipments from commodity statistics, and also from such sources as the carry-over of data from month to month in the compiling process and errors in the reporting or processing. Although the effect of such errors on the rounded totals in this report is probably small, the possibility of inaccuracy should be taken into account particularly in using figures of relatively small magnitude. The largest variation from rounding of figures is $50,000.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, compilation procedures and precision of import data is contained in the foreword of Report No. FT 110. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES: JANUARY 1964 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. Imports for consumption are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus withdrawals for consumption from bonded warehouses. Data revised to reflect all corrections published with the statistics through those for December 1963)

| Economic class and commodity[1,2] | January 1964 | December 1963 | January 1963 | Monthly average 1963 | Monthly average [3,4]1962 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total.....value.. | 1,473.3 | 1,511.6 | 1,139.8 | 1,417.8 | 1,353.4 |
| Free.....value.. | 555.8 | 570.5 | 417.8 | 522.8 | 517.9 |
| Dutiable.....value.. | 917.5 | 941.1 | 721.9 | 895.0 | 835.5 |
| Crude materials.....value.. | 274.3 | 284.5 | 250.5 | 261.7 | 278.2 |
| Hides and skins.....value.. | 5.2 | 4.2 | 2.2 | 5.2 | 5.5 |
| Undressed furs.....value.. | 15.4 | 25.5 | 15.9 | 9.7 | 8.5 |
| Crude rubber.....1,000,000 lb.. | 88 | 65 | 69 | 72 | 79 |
| value.. | 19.7 | 14.4 | 17.5 | 16.8 | 19.3 |
| Copra.....1,000 lb.. | 63,694 | 29,998 | 28,521 | 43,413 | 59,566 |
| value.. | 5.0 | 2.3 | 1.9 | 3.2 | 3.9 |
| Tobacco, unmanufactured.....1,000 lb.. | 12,438 | 12,553 | 15,172 | 13,985 | 13,609 |
| value.. | 8.1 | 7.6 | 8.9 | 8.2 | 8.4 |
| Cotton, unmanufactured.....1,000 lb.. | 13,087 | 4,034 | 4,218 | 11,186 | 12,650 |
| value.. | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 2.3 | 2.5 |
| Jute and jute butts.....long tons.. | 9,349 | 4,266 | 3,557 | 6,442 | 6,489 |
| value.. | 1.5 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| Sisal and henequen.....long tons.. | 6,670 | 8,206 | 6,163 | 7,583 | 9,028 |
| value.. | 1.9 | 2.3 | 1.1 | 1.8 | 1.6 |
| Wool, unmanufactured, free.....(1,000,000 lb.)..actual weight.. | 15 | 19 | 10 | 18 | 15 |
| clean content[5].. | 12 | 15 | 8 | 14 | 12 |
| value.. | 9.1 | 11.4 | 4.8 | 9.6 | 7.4 |
| Wool, unmanufactured, dutiable.....(1,000,000 lb.)..actual weight.. | 14 | 15 | 15 | 14 | 16 |
| clean content[5].. | 10 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 11 |
| value.. | 10.8 | 11.6 | 9.6 | 9.3 | 10.0 |
| Pulpwood.....1,000 cords.. | (*) | (*) | 126 | (*) | 117 |
| value.. | 2.0 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 1.9 |
| Crude petroleum.....1,000 bbl.. | 40,717 | 37,785 | 41,309 | 37,885 | 37,513 |
| value.. | 92.2 | 87.8 | 94.8 | 85.4 | 84.3 |
| Diamonds, rough or uncut.....1,000 carats.. | 90 | 229 | 270 | 146 | 118 |
| value.. | 7.4 | 16.6 | 10.1 | 10.8 | 8.5 |
| Diamonds, for industrial use.....1,000 carats.. | 1,449 | 1,221 | 609 | 981 | 1,023 |
| value.. | 3.5 | 4.5 | 2.9 | 4.1 | 4.3 |
| Iron ore and concentrates.....1,000 long tons.. | 1,693 | 1,940 | 1,374 | 2,772 | 2,784 |
| value.. | 16.0 | 19.8 | 12.7 | 26.9 | 27.0 |
| Ferroalloying ores.....value.. | [6]6.8 | [6]8.4 | [6]4.4 | [6]9.1 | 30.4 |
| Copper (copper content).....1,000 lb.. | 2,159 | 6,998 | 5,995 | 3,709 | 3,492 |
| value.. | 0.6 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 1.1 | 1.0 |
| Lead (lead content).....1,000 lb.. | 50,249 | 12,562 | 60,599 | 23,140 | 22,549 |
| value.. | 3.9 | 1.1 | 4.7 | 1.9 | 1.8 |
| Tin (tin content).....long tons.. | 1,249 | 265 | 42 | 244 | 447 |
| value.. | 1.0 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 1.1 |
| Zinc (zinc content).....1,000 lb.. | 104,194 | 45,189 | 131,133 | 67,709 | 75,669 |
| value.. | 5.3 | 2.0 | 5.8 | 2.8 | 3.4 |
| Other nonferrous ores and concentrates.....value.. | 11.1 | 9.9 | 10.8 | 10.0 | 10.6 |
| All other crude materials.....value.. | 47.1 | 50.0 | 37.7 | 39.8 | 35.6 |
| Crude foodstuffs.....value.. | 160.8 | 158.7 | 114.0 | 143.8 | 148.0 |
| Fish and shellfish.....1,000 lb.. | (*) | (*) | 48,740 | 49,011 | 51,593 |
| value.. | 20.5 | 20.5 | 17.6 | 19.5 | 19.7 |
| Cattle, except for breeding.....thousands.. | 57 | 101 | 142 | 69 | 103 |
| value.. | 4.4 | 8.3 | 12.3 | 5.6 | 9.2 |
| Grains.....value.. | 2.0 | 2.9 | 1.7 | 2.0 | 1.7 |
| Vegetables, fresh and dried.....value.. | 8.4 | 3.5 | 8.4 | 3.7 | 3.3 |
| Bananas.....1,000 lb.. | 294,736 | 277,142 | 239,546 | 290,451 | 287,538 |
| value.. | 7.2 | 7.2 | 5.6 | 6.8 | 6.5 |
| Cocoa or cacao beans.....1,000,000 lb.. | 60 | 47 | 37 | 53 | 53 |
| value.. | 14.4 | 11.1 | 7.9 | 11.3 | 11.0 |
| Coffee, raw or green.....1,000,000 lb.. | 262 | 283 | 164 | 263 | 270 |
| value.. | 87.3 | 90.0 | 48.5 | 79.6 | 82.2 |
| Tea.....1,000 lb.. | 10,823 | 8,851 | 7,275 | 10,503 | 10,808 |
| value.. | 4.9 | 4.1 | 3.5 | 4.9 | 5.0 |
| Black pepper, unground.....1,000 lb.. | 2,495 | 2,604 | 1,892 | 3,370 | 3,036 |
| value.. | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 1.0 |
| All other crude foodstuffs.....value.. | 11.0 | 10.3 | 7.9 | 9.5 | 8.5 |

See footnotes at end of table.

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| Economic class and commodity[1,2] | January 1964 | December 1963 | January 1964 | Monthly average | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | 1963 | [3,4]1962 |
| Manufactured foodstuffs.....value.. | 133.5 | 197.4 | 94.5 | 166.5 | 149.3 |
| Meat products.....value.. | 43.0 | 45.2 | 30.2 | 44.9 | 40.1 |
| Cheese.....1,000 lb.. | 6,609 | 8,436 | 3,795 | 6,919 | 6,468 |
| value.. | 2.9 | 3.9 | 1.5 | 3.1 | 3.0 |
| Fish and shellfish canned, prepared, etc.....1,000 lb.. | 49,160 | 42,935 | 37,854 | 44,620 | 46,099 |
| value.. | 14.0 | 13.7 | 10.3 | 13.1 | 13.4 |
| Fodders and feeds.....value.. | 2.0 | 2.2 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.2 |
| Cane or beet sugar.....1,000,000 lb.. | 330 | 875 | 324 | 746 | 762 |
| value.. | 26.3 | 68.8 | 17.7 | 50.9 | 42.0 |
| Molasses.....1,000 gal.. | 16,913 | (*) | 15,030 | 22,659 | 22,410 |
| value.. | 3.0 | 3.9 | 1.8 | 3.7 | 2.6 |
| Whisky.....value.. | 14.4 | 25.3 | 12.6 | 19.1 | 18.0 |
| All other manufactured foodstuffs.....value.. | 27.9 | 34.4 | 19.0 | 30.4 | 28.9 |
| Semimanufactures.....value.. | 343.0 | 315.0 | 268.3 | 312.7 | 282.4 |
| Leather.....value.. | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.1 | 4.1 | 4.4 |
| Bristles.....1,000 lb.. | 205 | 263 | 133 | 294 | 256 |
| value.. | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 0.7 |
| Expressed oils, inedible.....value.. | 8.2 | 2.2 | 6.0 | 5.0 | 4.3 |
| Quebracho.....1,000 lb.. | 5,547 | 2,882 | 2,155 | 5,054 | 7,712 |
| value.. | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| Wool semimanufactures.....value.. | 5.0 | 5.8 | 4.0 | 5.9 | 5.3 |
| Sawed boards, planks, deals, etc.....1,000,000 bd. ft.. | (*) | (*) | 252 | 5,590 | 407 |
| value.. | 21.2 | 26.2 | 18.2 | 30.5 | 28.1 |
| Wood pulp.....1,000 short tons.. | 235 | 236 | 200 | 231 | 232 |
| value.. | 29.1 | 29.5 | 23.5 | 27.5 | 27.5 |
| Gas and fuel oil.....1,000 bbl.. | 41,409 | 31,851 | 35,254 | 23,163 | 22,596 |
| value.. | 85.2 | 65.1 | 73.3 | 48.0 | 48.0 |
| Asbestos.....short tons.. | 7,737 | 6,650 | 46,508 | 37,804 | 52,533 |
| value.. | 1.4 | 1.3 | 4.3 | 3.5 | 4.7 |
| Diamonds, cut but not set.....1,000 carats.. | 81 | 77 | 86 | 85 | 82 |
| value.. | 7.3 | 7.6 | 7.4 | 7.8 | 7.4 |
| Iron and steel semimanufactures.....value.. | 31.4 | 29.9 | 13.5 | 29.2 | 19.7 |
| Aluminum.....value.. | 14.4 | 17.7 | 12.3 | 16.8 | 14.7 |
| Copper (copper content).....1,000,000 lb.. | 85 | 77 | 33 | 69 | 66 |
| value.. | 25.5 | 23.1 | 9.8 | 20.5 | 19.8 |
| Lead (lead content).....1,000 lb.. | 35,800 | 33,[illegible]64 | 45,566 | 40,116 | 44,748 |
| value.. | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.9 |
| Nickel and alloys.....1,000 lb.. | 18,486 | 19,188 | 18,605 | 20,001 | 20,872 |
| value.. | 13.0 | 13.7 | 13.5 | 14.4 | 15.4 |
| Tin.....1,000 lb.. | 7,508 | 7,326 | 7,482 | 8,405 | 7,778 |
| value.. | 9.0 | 8.1 | 8.1 | 9.1 | 8.6 |
| Zinc.....1,000 lb.. | 30,733 | 14,766 | 27,594 | 22,535 | 23,127 |
| value.. | 3.4 | 1.7 | 2.8 | 2.4 | 2.4 |
| Coal-tar products.....value.. | 2.6 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 4.9 | 4.[illegible] |
| Industrial chemicals.....value.. | [6]18.2 | [6]19.[illegible] | [6]19.2 | [6]25.1 | [illegible].8 |
| Fertilizers and materials.....1,000 short tons.. | 255 | 200 | 138 | 205 | [illegible] |
| value.. | 8.8 | 7.3 | 5.4 | 7.2 | 6.6 |
| All other semimanufactures.....value.. | 50.5 | [illegible].3 | 37.0 | 45.9 | 45.3 |
| Finished manufactures.....value.. | 561.7 | [illegible] | [illegible]2.5 | [illegible] | [illegible] |
| Leather manufactures.....value.. | 8.4 | [illegible] | 8.9 | 11.9 | [illegible] |
| Essential or distilled oils.....value.. | 2.3 | [illegible] | 1.[illegible] | 2.2 | 1.[illegible] |
| Cotton cloth[7].....1,000 sq. yd.. | 43,124 | [illegible] | 31,154 | [illegible].042 | 32,73[illegible] |
| value.. | [illegible].0 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 8.9 | [illegible] |
| Other cotton manufactures[7].....value.. | 20. | [illegible] | [illegible] | 14.3 | 15.[illegible] |
| Burlap.....1,000 yd.. | [illegible]1,210 | 57,[illegible]3 | [illegible] | 88,7[illegible]4 | [illegible] |
| 1,000 lb.. | [illegible],580 | 7[illegible] | [illegible]7 | 64,897 | [illegible] |
| value.. | 13.1 | 12.[illegible] | [illegible] | 14.0 | [illegible] |
| Flax, hemp and ramie manufactures.....value.. | 1.1 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 2.[illegible] | [illegible].1 |
| Wool manufactures.....value.. | 16.6 | 1[illegible] | [illegible] | 22.4 | [illegible] |
| Silk manufactures.....value.. | 4.1 | [illegible] | 4.[illegible] | 3.9 | [illegible] |
| Shingles.....1,000 squares.. | 201 | [illegible] | 1[illegible] | 238 | [illegible] |
| value.. | 2.3 | [illegible] | 2.[illegible] | 2.4 | 2.[illegible] |
| Newsprint.....1,000 short tons.. | 444 | [illegible] | [illegible] | 45[illegible] | 45[illegible] |
| value.. | 56.8 | 68.[illegible] | 45.7 | [illegible] | 58.[illegible] |
| Other paper manufactures.....value.. | 5.8 | 5.[illegible] | 5.7 | 7.[illegible] | 7.3 |
| Pottery.....value.. | 4.6 | [illegible] | 3.8 | 5.[illegible] | [illegible] |

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| Economic class and commodity[1,2] | January 1964 | December 1963 | January 1963 | Monthly average | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | 1963 | [3,4]1962 |
| Finished manufactures—Continued | | | | | |
| Steel mill products.....value.. | 29.3 | 24.0 | 19.1 | 30.2 | 27.6 |
| Iron and steel advanced manufactures.....value.. | 10.6 | 9.9 | 11.7 | 11.5 | 12.4 |
| Agricultural machinery and implements.....value.. | 15.0 | 12.9 | 16.5 | 14.7 | 12.6 |
| Automobiles and parts.....value.. | 54.8 | 50.8 | 41.9 | 46.8 | 42.9 |
| Other machinery.....value.. | 76.3 | 85.4 | 53.8 | 75.3 | 68.1 |
| Vehicles, except automobiles.....value.. | 11.7 | 15.1 | 11.4 | 16.0 | 17.6 |
| Photographic goods.....value.. | 6.5 | 7.4 | 5.1 | 6.6 | 6.3 |
| Scientific and professional instruments.....value.. | 6.2 | 6.0 | 4.1 | 5.4 | 4.6 |
| Musical instruments and parts.....value.. | 2.1 | 2.7 | 1.6 | 2.5 | 2.4 |
| Toys and sporting goods.....value.. | 8.6 | 8.1 | 7.0 | 8.8 | 7.4 |
| Watches and watch movements, except parts.....value.. | 2.3 | 4.4 | 2.8 | 4.8 | 4.8 |
| American goods returned.....value.. | 28.1 | 29.5 | 21.0 | 25.7 | 21.7 |
| All other finished manufactures.....value.. | 145.7 | 134.6 | 86.7 | 118.3 | 105.8 |
| Estimated value $1-$99 formal and $1-$250 informal entry shipments[8].....value.. | 20.1 | 15.8 | 15.6 | 14.6 | 11.6 |

*Not available. [1] Based on commodity classifications in Schedule A, Statistical Classification of Commodities Imported into the United States. [2] The data in this report for September 1963 and subsequent periods are based on the classifications in Tariff Schedules of the United States Annotated (TSUSA), an official publication of the United States Tariff Commission. A supplement to this report showing the Tariff Schedules of the United States, Annotated (TSUSA numbers) included in the individual economic classes and commodity totals is available on request. [3] The 1962 "dutiable," "duty free," economic class, and leading commodity monthly averages shown above, reflect corrections to the 1962 statistics which were published during 1963 and, therefore, may not be the same as similar totals shown in the December 1963 issue of this report which were not revised to reflect these corrections. [4] Excludes February 1962 data on $1-$99 formal and $1-$250 informal entry shipments which are estimated as totaling about $9.7 million. Data on these shipments are included in the figures shown in Summary Report FT 900-I, but are excluded from other reports such as FT 950-I, FT 110, FT 120, IM 145, etc. [5] Includes the actual weight of carbonized wool. [6] Effective with the statistics for September 1963, information on imports of certain uranium bearing materials, formerly classified under "ferroalloying ores" are included under "industrial chemicals" and are so reflected in the 1963 and 1964 figures shown above. However, the 1962 figures shown have not been revised to reflect this change. Imports of such uranium bearing materials totaled about $190.0 million during 1963 and about $252.3 million during 1962. [7] The 1963 figures shown for "cotton cloth" include data on Schedule A commodity numbers 3075 010 - 3078 025 and 3080 210 - 3081 420. During 1962 and earlier, data for these commodities are included in the figures for "other cotton manufactures." [8] This estimate is subject to a sampling variation of about 3 percent of the estimated value shown. For an explanation of the sampling procedures used in estimating, see foreword of Report No. FT 110.